

Saint William Catholic Church

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"Go first and be reconciled with your brother"

The Only
Known
Cure for
Fear



Is
FAITH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 6:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturdays: 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sundays: 7:30; 9:00; 12:00; 8:00PM
10:30AM - Spanish
4:00PM - Pakistani
5:30PM - Haitian (Upper Church)

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

HOLY SEASON OF LENT BEGINS MARCH 1st

Pre-baptismal classes

Spanish: 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM (Rectory Basement)
English: 1st Sunday at 1:00 PM - Church.

Baptism (Lower Church)

Spanish: 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM
English: 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Eve of Holy Days: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Eve of First Fridays: After the 12:00 Noon Mass Only

Matrimony

Weddings may be scheduled for Saturdays at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM or 3:00 PM in the Upper Church; and 2:00 PM in the Lower Church. Couples intending marriage are asked to contact our Parish Priest at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage. Participating in a *Marriage Preparation Program* is a requirement for the reception of this holy sacrament.

Anointing of the sick is a Sacrament of God's Blessings for those who are sick.

Parishioners in *serious illness*, please contact one of our parish priests. Anyone unable to attend Mass due to illness may call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion in their homes.

February 12, 2017



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, cycle A

Sunday Collection
Sunday February 5, 2017- 7954.50
Thank you for your contribution, God Bless!!

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Opening Minds & Hearts, Valentine's Day Reflections

Thanks to the "Theology of the Body" of Pope John Paul II, the Church understands more deeply than ever the meaning of the verse from Scripture: "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them" (Gn. 1:27). What God is saying here is that man and woman together present to the world an image of God's love.

In John Paul's way of thinking, the vocation of woman is to reveal God's beauty to the world. Woman is made to be beautiful. Our culture's emphasis on physical beauty is not entirely bad, but it often is shallow and misdirected. The deepest way a woman is beautiful is when she reveals to others their own goodness by teaching them the love God has for them. This is what the late pope termed the feminine genius, referring to how women naturally reveal the goodness of the human person, and thus the beauty of God.

What Saint Teresa of Calcutta did for the poor every woman can do in her own environment, and certainly every mother should do in her home for her husband and children. What is done at home is perhaps the most fulfilling "work" of women, but there remains in every woman an emotional need to feel that her beauty is appreciated.

Thus, one of the best things a husband can do for his wife is to give real assurances now and then that she is still beautiful in his eyes, no matter how the world or culture might evaluate her. That is the real essence of a romantic gesture for most women. Affirmation of the wife's beauty is a sign that she is appreciated not just as a cook and chauffer for the kids, but as a life-long intimate partner created to live in communion with her husband and to reflect divine beauty in the world.

Valentine's Day has its roots in Christianity. There are actually several St. Valentines recorded as martyrs of the early Church. Valentine's Day, offers an opportunity to celebrate human love in all of its dimensions, including the romantic, which are part of God's gift to husbands and wives. May those expressions of love between husbands and wives be for our culture an authentic reflection and reminder of the love God has for each of us.

Fr. Matthew Eickhoff, Diocese of Lincoln

A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.
I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.
I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.



***You are my rock,
My Stronghold!!
Lead me,
guide me,
for the sake of your name.***



Pray for our sick

Michael Adams	Brandon Fuscia	Annamarie O'Donnell
Josephine Agozzino	Rita <i>and</i> Steve Garry	Keith Parks
Olga Andrijischijn	Ann Geiges	Renee Pontuti
Luis Ariza	Nellie Grady	Verna Quigley
Dot Aubrey	Barbara Harris	Charlie Rehr
Beatrice Barnes	James Hamilton	Thomas E. Reilly
Gertrude Boyes	Joseph Hearn, Jr.	Linda Richardson
Joseph Bradley	Elizabeth Heasley	Christopher Rodgers
John Byrne	Marte Heil	Sally Rodgers
Florence Caputo	Frankie <i>and</i> Bob Herbert	Martha Schmid
Regina Carberry	John Herbert	Mary Smith
Jared David Carrasco	Christopher Higgins	Gerri Sugan
Teresa (Cathy) Carey	Jeffrey Hill	F. Joseph Sullivan
Patricia Cassidy	Peggy Hoffner	Ethel Thomas
Adele Censky	Denise Horgan	Betty Thompson
Patricia Cirone	Kathleen Boyle Houseman	Kathleen Thompson
Catherine Clark	Sheranne Shea-Jubelirer	Phyllis Thompson
Marguerite Clauss	Luke Kehoe	James Trainor
Emilio Colon	Ellen Kelly	Guillermo Velasquez
Joanne Coleman	Kathy Kilroy	Angela Walsh
Shannon Coley	Josephine Kohute	Betty Wilson
Charlotte Corcoran	Anne Krause	Catherine Wismer
Anna Creniti	Loretta LaBarge	Elizabeth Wismer
Caroline Darpino	Marcial Leon	
Alaya Diggs	Mark Lewis	
Carol DiMaggio	Teresa Mac Bride	
Margaret Donahue	Jeanne Mace	
Tim Edwards	Jerry <i>and</i> Gale Mahoney	
John Flannery	William Marshall, Sr.	
Gerry Foley	Lindsey McManus	
Gilda Ford	Emma Miller	
Vicki Francis	Anne Nyce	

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Tuesday : Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine 's Day
Friday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses in the Upper Church will begin again on Sunday March 5th for the 10:30 Am Spanish & the 12:00 PM Mass

Sunday, February 12, 2017

5:00PM (Vigil) Emily & Katie (special intention)
7:30 Lena Crossan (Healing)
9:00 Thomas Donald Hickey
10:30 For All Priests
12:00 Noon Lawrence Dash(40th anniversary)
8:00 P.M. Parishners of St. William

Monday, February 13, 2017

6:30 Virginia Berry
12:00 Noon Special Intention

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

6:30 Helen Marie Burgoon
12:00 Noon James V. Elwell (3rd Anniversary Mem)

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

6:30 Gerry Foley
12:00 Noon Mary Zielinski

Thursday, February 16, 2017

6:30 Margaret Weltz
12:00 Noon Mary Kehoe

Friday, February 17, 2017

6:30 Holy Souls
12:00 Noon Pat Link

Saturday, February 18, 2017

8:00 A.M. Gerry Foley
5:00PM (Vigil) Bernard J. O'Donnell

Would you like to sponsor a child in Catholic School?
 St William students attend St. Cecilia and Presentation BVM schools. Education for faith and for life. For information contact Fr. Al: pastor@churchofstwilliam.com

Don't Forget the Scrip Program!!

You receive credit towards tuition at Catholic grade schools, high schools, Catholic colleges or universities. SCRIP is available at Presentation BVM Church, located at 100 Old Soldiers Rd., Cheltenham, PA 19012. For more information on the SCRIP program and a list of stores, you can visit their website at www.presentationbvm.org, contact Evelyn Nicoletti at Presentation (215-725-4248) or Judi Schein (215-725-2201).

LENT PROGRAMS 2017

ASH WEDNESDAY 1 March: 6:30, 12 noon, 7 pm Mass and distribution of ashes.

Additional Lent Daily Masses Mon, Tues, Wed at 7pm

Four priests avail for Confessions: Weds 3/29 & 4/5, 6-6:50 pm LC; Saturdays 4/1 & 4/8, 4-4:45 pm LC

Stations of the Cross: Wed English, 6:30 pm LC, Fridays Urdu 5:30 LC, Haitian 7pm UC, Spanish 7 pm LC.

**Mission (English) March 27,28 and 29 Lower Church
 Mission (Spanish) March 17 and 18 Lower Church**

We want to hear from you!

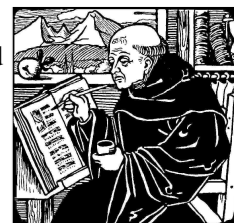
In preparation for St. William's 100th anniversary, we are planning to distribute a **parish survey**.

The survey will consist of several short questions asking for your thoughts on how St. William can best fulfill its mission as a parish.

We will distribute the survey over the next few weeks. Please return your completed forms in the baskets provided, or drop them off at the rectory.

Fr. Al, the priests, and the Pastoral and Finance Councils will review and reflect upon your input, and we will let you know the survey results within the next several weeks.

Thank you for taking the time to share your insight with us!



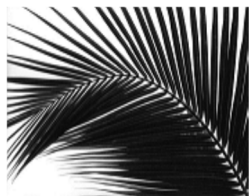
Confirmation classes !!!!!

For teenagers, 8th to 12th grades, begins on Sunday, Feb. 12th, 9 am in the convent basement.
Adult Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, March 12th, 10:30 am in the convent basement. Please have anyone who needs these classes to contact me quickly.
 Thank you. Sister Bernadette 267-499-6376

Charismatic Mass and Healing Service

On Friday Feb 24, 2017 at St. Martha Church 11301
Academy Rd Phila, Pa. 19154
Prayer and Praise: 6:45pm, Liturgy: 7:15PM
Celebrant: Rev. Michael Davis
If you need additional information please call
Bobbie at 215-637-5441

**Lent
Is
Coming**



**Let's
Spring clean
Our Soul**

Last year Blessed Palms are needed
Please bring them to church after all masses
in order to prepare ashes for Ash
Wednesday and Lent. Thanks for your help.

Archbishop Wood High School

Employment opportunity for Track & Field Coach

The ideal candidate possesses previous background, sufficient
to warrant leadership role in a character-building program.

All interested persons may apply Archbishop Wood High
School c/o Joe Sette, Athletic Director 655 York Road
Warminster, Pa. 18974. 215-672-5050 Ext-260 or
jsette@archwood.org

Maternity B.V.M. Pre-Cana Session

Attending A pre -Cana session is required for all engaged
couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony.
Maternity B.V.M. Parish located at 9220 Old Bustleton Ave.
Phila, Pa. 19115, will be holding their spring Pre-Cana.

Congratulations!!!

Caitlin Melo from Merion Mercy Academy for receiving-
Distinguished Honors!!!!

**Senior Citizens News
Trips- Open to All**

March 9, 2017- Rainbow Comedy Theater & Buffet
June 27, 2017- Toms River Cruise & Lunch
For more information please contact
Betty Harding- 215-745-7199

Social Media

St. William is now on Twitter and Instagram!

Follow us for news, inspiration, and more:



Twitter: @stwilliamphila
Instagram: stwilliamphila



USTEDES SON LA SAL DE LA TIERRA; USTEDES SON LA LUZ DEL MUNDO !

Ser sal y ser luz, dar sabor y ser luminoso es un reto para cada uno de nosotros ! Dar sabor genuino de nuestra fe y ser luminoso que ayuda a los demás, es toda una tarea y responsabilidad cristiana para nosotros. Para ser sal debemos ser transformados por Cristo. Para ser luz debemos dejarnos iluminar por Cristo pues nosotros nos damos nuestra propia luz sino que anunciamos la luz de Cristo que vino a iluminar a todos. Señor transformados con tu gracia para ser tu sal y tu luz a nuestros hermanos.

CONFESIONES: Todos los Domingo: 10:00 - 10:20AM

BAUTISMO: Coordina con Diácono Felipe o Hermana Rosa.
2º Miércoles del mes a las 7:00 PM - **Charla**
3º Domingo del mes a la 1:00 PM - **Bautismo**

RICA: Preparación Sacramental para Adultos domingos a las
9:00 AM en la Rectoría. Hable con Diácono Felipe o Hna Rosa.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA: PREP Los Martes, 6:45-7:45 PM
JÓVENES DE SECUNDARIA: Los domingos, 9:00-10:00 AM
en el convento. Adultos: Los domingos a las 9:00 AM en el
sótano de la Rectoría

Visitas y Comunion a los ENFERMOS y ANCIANOS:
Coordina con Fr. Al.. Asistente Ida Jimenez.

CÍRCULO de ORACIÓN: Los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el
sótano de la Rectoría.

ROSARIO: Están invitados a **rezar el Rosario** cada
domingo a las 10:00, antes de la Misa.

Banco de Alimentos de Sta. Helena

Lleva una bolsa de alimentos próximo domingo para asistir a
los necesitados.

¿QUE ES EL V ENCuentRO?

El V Encuentro es un proceso de reflexión y acción eclesial
de 4 años que invita a todos los católicos en los Estados
Unidos a una intensa actividad misionera, consulta, desarrollo
de liderazgo e identificación de buenas prácticas ministeriales
en el espíritu de la Nueva Evangelización.

Gracias a Arcides de Jesús y Rolando da Costa quienes
aceptaron el liderazgo para nuestra Parroquia St. William.

NECESITAS AYUDA EN SALUD:

PHMC y HPC te pueden ayudar **DIA:** 25, 26 de febrero
HORA: Después de la Misa **LUGAR:** Vestíbulo de la
Iglesia **Ven a registrarte después de la Misa**

TALLER de autismo y discapacidades intelectuales

(inglés) Marzo 11: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano 222 N. 17th St.
Para información: 215-587-3530 o
sr.kschipani@archphila.org
Para registrarse www.opdarchphilly.org

Consultas sobre la INMIGRACIÓN

HIAS: 2100 Arch St. 3rd floor; 215-832-0900

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